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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Applicant, Joseph B. Villa *et al.*, transmits herewith the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced application:

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Respectfully submitted,

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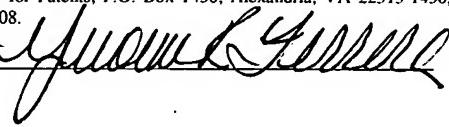


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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action issued April 15, 2008, applicant, Josep B. Villa et al., hereby amends the above referenced patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.